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PATENT
APPLICATION: U.S. Serial No. 09/518,165

TITLE: METHOD FOR DETECTING
THE PRESENCE OF TARGET
BACTERIA OR A TARGET
COMPONENT
CARBOHYDRATE ANTIGEN
THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

I. THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3-11, inclusive and 15-21 inclusive and insert the following
new claims in lieu thereof:

22 A method of detecting the presence of a carbohydrate antigen characteristic of at
least one species or serogroup of a species of bacteria in a fluid, which method comprises
the following steps:

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